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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DES VUEX ROAD, C.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, 25th February, 1903.

EVEN so inert a body as the Chinese Government is slowly and gradually discovering that it must do something towards the reform of its currency, and we hear of various tentative measures being recommended at Peking. Unfortunately all are characterised by an inability of power to grasp the situation, and a disposition towards half measures, which under the conditions, instead of alleviating, will rather tend to aggravate the disease. Of these the scheme which has seemed to meet with most favour is one of a tael currency proposed by Yuan Shikai, which in addition to the complications it would propose to add, would tally with none of the taels already current. Yuan then proposes to issue, under imperial authority, a tael which shall be of the standard Kuping weight, that is the universal weight of the monetary tael, 579.85 oz. troy, but shall contain one-tenth alloy, that is 900 fine. The very idea, which has perhaps been impressed on him from without, shows a lamentable ignorance of the methods of account universally current in China. The monetary tael in China, it is necessary to reiterate, is a standard weight throughout the Empire, and does not vary. The local tael (money) is weighed by the standard tael weight, but not only does the "finesness" vary in different localities, but certain allowances of weight have become customary. In estimating thus a Shanghai tael, we find in the first instance by old

custom an *ad misericordiam* allowance of some 2 per cent. has to be added, 98 taels counting as 100, while the finesness is taken as 916; we thus arrive at 520.52 as the actual amount of pure silver contained in the local tael. As however the Chinese Government demands pure silver, the Shanghai tael is only accepted at a discount, and has to be multiplied by 1.114; which is the amount fixed by the local regulations. With the proposed new tael, we should still be in the same dilemma, the only difference being that instead of multiplying by 1.114, we should now have to multiply by 1.111 to obtain the standard. To make the proposed tael, in fact, equivalent to the standard Government tael, and assuming the "touch" to be as suggested, 900 fine, we should require a tael of 644.28 grains. Such a coin, assuming that exchange did not enter into consideration, would of course amply fulfil all the requirements of the situation, and might be accepted in payment of all duties or other payments to the Government.

This, however, though doubtless a convenience to the payer of duties, would afford no assistance to the Chinese Government itself, nor could it in any way relieve that Government from the necessity of exporting silver to make up the adverse balance still standing against it. By carefully manipulating the amount coined, it is true, it might contrive to keep the tael at a corresponding ratio with regard to gold, as the Indian Government contrives to do with its rupees; but to do so would require an amount of knowledge of the principles of currency such as the Chinese as a Government have never displayed, as well as an ability to resist the temptation of over-issue to which as a people they have ever been strangers, and which is quite at variance with all their tradition. So long as the current tael stood at a level, however infinitesimal, above the specie value there would be a temptation to over-issue. This temptation of course exists in every case where the face value of a currency is in excess of its intrinsic value. We have only too many examples of the process in the case of over-issue of currency notes, from the after effects of which many of the principal nations of the world are only just now recovering, but the principle is the same, whether an inferior metal or mere paper is intended to bear a face value out of proportion with its intrinsic worth. However convenient and profitable such a currency might prove to the debtors of the State, it is absolutely valueless, unless effectual steps could be taken to maintain its par value, to restore the mercantile credit of the country in its foreign relations; and the Chinese Government has yet to prove that it possesses the necessary wish, even if it had the power, to provide the required safeguards.

Even, however, did China by any reform of her home currency succeed in placing her internal affairs on a sounder basis than at present exists, this would be of little service to her in her foreign relations. It is quite possible that for all home affairs her new tael could be made capable of being maintained at an invariable value, but no power on earth could make it interchangeable with the world over. In the markets of the world silver is valued, like all other commodities, for what it is worth. Lately owing to excessive supply the price of silver has had a distinct tendency to fall, and it requires little knowledge of finance to understand that any artificial circumstance that would lead to an enforced sale would as a necessary consequence lead to a still further drop—probably out of all proportion to the amount placed on the market. Now it is the case that China, owing to the complications that surround her, is in the position of having regularly to place silver bullion on the European markets to be sold to the highest bidder. The question is a difficult one, and quite independent of her internal currency; it is the pressing question of the hour, and dawdling about any subject of less urgency is of little more avail than was Nero's fiddling in the face of burning Rome. In fact, as long as China so regulates her trade with foreign nations that she is compelled to place on a foreign market any of her silver, so long must the course of exchange be against her, provided of course that she obstinately continues to found her currency on a falling metal. The assimilation of her currency to the rest of the world would of course result in silver taking its place as a mere mercantile export, and so becoming a matter of secondary importance that might be left to effect its own cure. As the silver export now stands, China is sending abroad her own life-blood, and thereby increasing the disadvantages of her present position, for as the necessary circulating medium is becoming more difficult to obtain on the spot, in like proportion is it losing its purchasing powers abroad. Now this, and not the mere regulation of currency at home, is the pressing need of the moment, and this, rather than the reform of a currency from which comparatively little loss is felt would be far more consonant with China's need.

What China momentarily wants is a safe method of adjusting her accounts with the nations of the world; and as we have before remarked she can only accomplish this by such an effective opening of her foreign trade as will suffice to fill the gaps caused by her late reckless policy.

We are without news which would enable us to say precisely what are the reasons for the degradation of the celebrated Atling-Viceroy of the Two Kiang provinces, CHANG CHIH-TUNG, which is mentioned in the special telegram from London we publish to-day, but it possibly has reference to the grand review recently undertaken by him of all the modern-drilled forces of the Yangtze provinces, conjointly with all the Nanyang and a part of the Peiyang squadron of the Navy. It appears that owing to the spreading of false reports representing the manoeuvres of the troops as serious warfare, the population became panic-stricken and fled from their villages, many children being drowned in order to enable their parents to flee the faster. The entire blame was quite unwarrantably put upon the shoulders of the Viceroy, and the correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News* who sends from Kiangyin an account of the affair remarks:—"It is safe to say no other person in China has been reviled as much as CHANG CHIH-TUNG in the past 40 hours." It is not unlikely, therefore, that the Viceroy's degradation has been brought about by reason of this occurrence. The *Globe* may well be severe in its comments on the passivity of the British Foreign Office in regard to affairs in China, but when we remember that Sir Ernest SATOW, H.B.M.'s Minister to Peking, is now at home on leave of absence, we may be assured that vigorous action will be taken to secure the re-instatement of one who has done more to encourage reform in China than any other living official.

The Portuguese gunboat *Diu* arrived from Macao yesterday, and the U.S. gunboats *Eleazar* and *Villalobos* left for Amoy.

Mr. G. W. F. Playfair, of the National Bank of China, and Mrs. Playfair were among those who left Hongkong yesterday by the *s.s. Korea*.

According to a telegram appearing in the *Shanghai Times*, a big fire broke out in the city of Hangchow on the night of the 18th inst. in which over 2,000 houses were destroyed.

Sir Thomas Jackson has been appointed on the Mansion House Commission to report on the question of removing St. Bartholomew's Hospital or rebuilding on the present site.

Four cases of plague, all Chinese, all fatal, were reported yesterday up to noon as having occurred within the previous 24 hours. The cases came respectively from Kennedy Street, Amoy Lane, Yan Shan Lane and Bingham West. These bring the year's total up to 30.

Commenting on the recent meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce convened to consider the currency question, the *Singapore Free Press* observes:—"The fact that even in Hongkong, where the influences making for retaining the actual currency conditions are so far stronger than in the Straits, a majority of opinion is for a critical revision of these conditions, has an indirect effect in strengthening the case in the Straits for fixation of our currency."

The *Manila Cablenews* mentions that although the *Rosetta Maru* encountered unusually heavy seas on the last trip, "twenty prize rubbers were landed in a most gay and frisky manner." Our contemporary explains that "Mr. Prising, of local fame as a horse fancier, conceived the idea of rejuvenating the local ponies by being a very prompt bidder in the kingdom of horses when the latter were auctioned in Hongkong. They are all record horses and the price paid was a good one."

By kind permission of Major Radcliff and officers, the band of the 33rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel to-night, from 8 to 9.30. Programme:—

March..... "Marche Romaine,"..... Gounod
Overture..... "The Sapphire Necklace,"..... Sullivan
Selection..... "Three Little Maids,"..... Schubert
Song..... "The Everlasting Day,"..... Bevan
Selection..... "The Day of the Dragon,"..... Ivan
Waltz..... "Gloire de Dijon,"..... Andrew
Extra.

Dance..... "Country Dance,"..... King Hall
"God Save the King."

On Saturday morning last as some coolies were removing the sweepings of gunpowder scattered over the floor of a magazine, belonging to the old forts of Woosung—since demolished—to make way for the new railway extension in that vicinity, an explosion suddenly occurred, severely burning two of the coolies. It appeared, the *N.C. Daily News* says, that one of the them was smoking a cigarette, ignorant or careless of the danger following such action, while working, and then had tossed the still lighted end of the cigarette on the floor, which so happened to contain a small pile of the sweepings preparatory to being put into an empty keg placed ready to receive this loose gunpowder. Naturally there was an explosion; but fortunately for all concerned and the residents in that neighbourhood the hundreds of kegs of powder which the magazine previously held had already been removed the day before, the loose sweepings only remaining, when the explosion took place. As it was, two coolies (one of whom was the man who had been the cause of the accident) were severely burned, one of them, it is feared, fatally so.

The flag of the 17th French Colonial Regiment, which took part in the China expedition, was deposited with due formality in the Invalides on 24th ult.

Sub-Lieutenant V. F. Gibbs and C. C. Dix have been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in His Majesty's Fleet for services during the operations in North China in 1900.

Vice-Admiral Tyrtoff, a former Russian admiral on the Far Eastern Station, and commanding the Black Sea Division of the Russian fleet, died at Sebastopol on 24th ult.

Two recent weddings at Nagasaki excited much interest. In the one Mr. E. H. Holmes, the Acting British Consul, was married to Miss Ida Leslie, late of Shanghai, and in the other Mr. R. F. Inman, of Messrs. Holmes, Ringer & Co., was united to Miss Nellie M. Dow, sister of Mr. J. M. Dow.

The Korean Government has rejected the Russian application for the concession for the Seoul-Wiju Railway. A Tokyo telegram to the *N.C. Daily News* mentions that some of the Japanese journals suggest that the real motive of the application was the desire to forestall a possible similar demand from Japan as compensation for the interdiction on the Japanese banknotes.

In the *United Service Magazine* for January, Captain John Leader has a short article on the Japanese army, which, however, cannot be taken as a thorough review of the subject, since the writer saw apparently only very little of the actual army, and spends much of his space in depreciating the value of the horses of the cavalry and artillery. He concludes his sketch thus:—"Taking everything into consideration, there is probably no army of its size much superior to that of Japan, and it may safely be said that our Eastern ally has taken her place among the great military powers of the world."

The new British steamer *Sagami*, 4,212 tons, built in 1902, while on a voyage from New York to China with a valuable American cargo, has put into Cadiz with part of the cargo on fire. She was recently taken over by her present owners, Messrs. Squire and Co. The *Sagami* was built for the owners of the *Satsuma*, which also suffered from fire a few months ago and is still under repair. The fire had not yet been extinguished by the 30th ult., and appeared to be serious as the vessel had moved into shallow water in case it might be necessary to scuttle her. The outbreak occurred in the cotton, which was carried between decks, and the vessel had acids on deck and petroleum down below, an arrangement likely to conduce to an outbreak of fire and make extinction difficult.

Of the honours conferred by His German Majesty on the occasion of his birthday, one distinction is of a rather remarkable character. It is the conferment of the Order *Pour le Merite* on the gunboat *Illis*, accompanied by the following Imperial Decree:—"By the picture, 'Germans to the front,' representing the honourable share the officers and crews of my ships took in the Seymour Expedition at Peking, I have honoured these deeds, and assured them a lasting memory. In the same sense I desire that the memory of the dead of my gunboat *Illis* in the fight for the Taku Forts shall remain immortal in the annals of my Navy. I, therefore, ordain that my gunboat *Illis* shall, as a special external distinction, carry on its bows and on the mast-heads, and on its boats, a facsimile of the *Pour le Merite*."

During the debate in the Reichstag on the estimates on 23rd ult. the Agrarian Conservative Deputy and editor of the *Deutsche Tageszeitung*, Dr. Oertel, delivered a long oration, in the course of which he remarked that he had never been enthusiastic about the China expedition, and wished that Germany might get out of China as soon as possible. Kitchener was all that they should retain. The expected expansion of commerce had not taken place, and the cost of the troops composing the brigade of occupation was not covered by the instalments of the war indemnity. The evacuation of Shanghai was not very pleasant for Germans, and even though the official Press greeted the Yangtze treaty with drums and trumpets, the evacuation looked desperately like a diplomatic reverse.

In the report appearing in a San Francisco paper of an interview with Mr. K. E. Lewis of New York, who has been employed for five years in the Far East establishing branches of the Young Men's Christian Association in the colleges of Japan and China, he is credited with the following statements:—"He says that forty-three branches have been established in Japan and that the young men of the educational institutions take very kindly to the gymnasium branch of the association. In fact, the Japanese Government has passed a law making it compulsory for all students in the future to take instruction in athletics among their other studies. In China there are forty-four branches of the association and the movement is becoming more popular every day. Mr. Lewis has returned to endeavour to secure in New York an appropriation of \$100,000 to continue his work in the Orient. He will spend about four months in the Eastern States and two months in England before returning to Japan. It is the wish of Mr. Lewis to bring the branches of the association at Shanghai and Hongkong up to the high standard of those that are at present established on the Pacific Coast."

The new fire alarm system which has just been installed in Manila by the City Electrician was to be in working order on the 26th inst.

Mr. W. R. Matthews, an American school teacher at Tayabas (Philippines) committed suicide on the 19th inst. by shooting himself through the brain.

The Peking correspondent of the *N.C. Daily News* reports that Mrs. Conger, wife of the U.S. Minister, entertained at luncheon on the 21st inst. in the U.S. Legation the eldest Princess Imperial, and the wives of certain Princes and Dukes.

MUSIC FOR THE PUBLIC.

By permission of Admiral Kamura, the band of the Japanese training squadron will play selections of music in the Botanical Gardens to-day, commencing at 3 p.m.

The following programme of music will be played by the band of the 1st Sherwood Foresters on the New Parade Ground, on Monday next, from 4 to 5.30 p.m.:—
March..... "Les Soldats qui Passent,"..... Costa
Overture..... "Crown Diamonds,"..... Auber
Selection..... "Flordora,"..... Stuart
Peccolo Solo..... "Adagio,"..... Damaris
Selection..... "Dorothy,"..... Callier
Valse..... "Dance an Air,"..... Berger
Regimental March..... "The Young Day Moon,"
"God Save the King."

SIR LIANG CHENG.

His Excellency Sir Chen Tung Liang Cheng, K.C.M.G., the new Chinese Minister to the United States, sailed on the *s.s. Korea* yesterday for San Francisco. H.E. left the Hongkong Hotel at half-past ten and went off to the liner in Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co.'s launch *Kee-chong*, accompanied by the Hon. Wei Yuk, Mr. Fung Wa Chan and others. The Minister was escorted to the steamer by dozens of launches and there was a tremendous fusillade of crackers and other fireworks. Over 1,000 people joined in the send-off, which was a hearty one.

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE
FOR CHINESE.

Dr. J. C. Thomson, secretary of the above Institution, sends us the programme of classes arranged for the session commencing on Monday, 2nd March. Dr. Pearce will lecture on "Public Health." Dr. Thomson on "Chemistry." Dr. MacLean Gibson on "Anatomy" and, with the senior students, on "Osteology." Dr. Hunter on "Pathology." Dr. Ronnie on "Surgery." Dr. R. Gibson on "Medicine." Surgeon Sawley, R.N., on "Surgical Anatomy." Lieut. Lambell, R.A.M.C., on "Physiology." Dr. Jordan on "Midwifery." Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G., on "Medical Jurisprudence," and Dr. Harston on "Materia Medica." Clinical work will be done daily at the Alice Memorial and Netherdale Hospitals.

SERIOUS HOTEL FIRE IN
NEW YORK.

A telegram to the *Manila Cablenews*, dated New York, 22nd inst., says:—"A terrible calamity visited the city of Cedar Rapids yesterday in the destruction by fire of one of the largest hotels in the town. The fire broke out at night and spread rapidly, totally destroying the hotel. Ten persons were killed and forty or more were seriously injured. It is not definitely known yet but that others may have been lost whose absence has not been discovered. The night was intensely cold and the survivors suffered severely in the time necessary to find places of refuge."

U.S. NEW ARMY COLLEGE.

The New York correspondent of the *Manila Cablenews* telegraphed on the 23rd inst. as follows:—"President Roosevelt laid the corner stone to-day of the new Army War College, in the presence of a large gathering of people and the leading army officers in Washington. Owing to his illness Secretary of War Root was unable to be present. In his address the President dwelt at length upon the needs of the army and said that the War College which was being inaugurated would tend to place a greater value upon higher education in the army than has hitherto existed. The college, he said, is to be conducted on the same lines as the Naval War College at Newport, and he hoped that all the young officers in the service would some day be numbered among its students. The President said that war is in every sense of the word a modern science and that as the United States has now embarked upon a career as a world power, the greatest attention should be paid to training officers in the higher branches of their profession."

A RACE FROM TIENTSIN
TO PEKING.

The *N.C. Daily News* correspondent at Peking reports a long distance race of about eighty miles from Tientsin which came off on the 20th inst. There were 46 starters, of whom eight were French officers, twenty German officers, six Japanese officers, and twelve members of the Tientsin Race Club. The result was as follows:—

	Time	Rank
1 Mr. Sommer, English (P), T.R.C.	7 33 0	1
2 "Moring, " " "	7 34 30	2
3 "Dohn, German, " " "	7 39 30	3
4 "May, Belgian, T.R.C.	7 39 30	4
5 "Von Pawel, German officer	7 47 3	5
6 "Ikigami, Japanese " "	8 0 0	6
7 "Brandt, German " "	time	7
8 "Eink, " " "	not	8
9 "Sevboldstorf, " " "	given	9

The remainder of the competitors were mounted on China ponies, who proved again their well-known powers of endurance.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, 25th February, 3.20 p.m.

RUSSIA AND MANCHURIA.

The Grand Duke Nicholas, Inspector-General of Cavalry, leaves St. Petersburg shortly on a tour through Manchuria.

VICEROY CHANG CHIH-TUNG'S
DEGRADATION.

The *Globe* regards Chang Chih-tung's degradation as a plain endeavour to further undermine British influence in the Yangtze region, and is very severe on the passivity of the Foreign Office.

The *Globe* hopes that the united remonstrances of Great Britain and Japan will secure His Excellency's reinstatement, and adds:—"We are in honour bound to protect him."

REUTERS'S SERVICE.

LONDON, 25th February.

PARLIAMENT—THE ARMY SCHEME.

Mr. Winston Churchill during the Army debate denounced Mr. Brodrick's scheme as a sham and a humbug, the object of which was to make England into a military nation and cojole the tax-payers into paying war-rates during times of peace.

Lord Stanley said that Lord Roberts had told him he fully approved of Mr. Brodrick's plan.

Mr. Beckett's amendment was rejected by 261 to 143. The Nationalists abstained from voting, and twenty Ministerialists voted with the minority.

FOOTBALL.

This afternoon on the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club will play H.M.S. Ocean and *Tubal*, under Rugby rules. Kick-off at 4 p.m. The Club will play in striped jerseys, and will be represented by the following:—

Arthur, full back; Robertson, Parker, Campbell, and Lemarhand, three-quarters; Jordan and Stephens, halves; Halifax, Wolfe, Chand, Morgan, Craik, Strover, Bingley, and Clark, forwards.

Representatives of the football teams of H.M.S. *Argonaut*, *Glory*, and *Ocean*, and of "B" Company, S.F., met yesterday to consider what arrangements could be made in view of the early departure of H.M.S. *Argonaut*. It was unanimously decided to play the semi-finals and final as follows:—

Tuesday, March 3.—H.M.S. *Argonaut* v. "B" Company, S.F.
Thursday, March 5.—H.M.S. *Glory* v. H.M.S. *Ocean*.

Saturday, March 7.—Final.
All matches to commence at four o'clock. After the match on Tuesday next the Shield Committee will meet in the Club matched, as in the event of the defeat of H.M.S. *Argonaut* it might be better to make other arrangements.

CRICKET.

The following will play in the match "Over 30 v. Under 30," to-day, commencing at 11 a.m.:—
Over 30.—R. E. O. Bird, Rev. A. J. Dexter, R.N., Capt. Faircott, R.A., Col. Ferrier, A.P.D., P. T. Lambie, E. W. Mainland, Capt. Radcliffe, R.E., A. G. Ward, Comdr. Woolcombe, R.N., and two others.

Under 30.—Lt. Allenby, R.N., R. H. Carter, R.N., G. A. Cooke, R.N., G. N. Fairhurst, T. C. Gray, H. Hancock, A. K. Lowe, Lt. H. R. Norbury, R.N., and three others.

There will be a Cricket match at the Happy Valley to-day between the Craigengower C. C. and the Diocesan School "Past and Present," commencing at 2.15 p.m.

A.O.C. C.C. v. SHERWOOD FORESTERS.
Played at Happy Valley on Thursday, 26th inst., the victory dwelling with the Ordnance by 8 runs. Turner scored 34 not out and took 7 wickets. Scores and analysis:—

	Runs	Wickets
J. C. A. Lillywhite (capt.), b. w. b. Buckley	7	1
A. S. Ancombe, c. Tucker, b. Cope	9	1
C. Butler, c. Mearns, b. Buckley	1	1
A. E. Hallwell, c. Tucker, b. Cope	5	1
H. Turner, not out	34	0
R. J. Jewsbury, c. Mearns, b. Cope	1	1
E. F. Bradford, b. Cope	0	1
T. S. Bromley, c. Butler, b. Buckley	2	1
W. T. Burgess, c. Mearns, b. Cope	0	1
J. Leashbrook, c. Tucker, b. Mearns	0	1
B. J. Moore, c. Butler, b. Buckley	1	1
Extras	2	0
Total	60	10

	Runs	Wickets
Buckley, c. Lillywhite, b. Turner	0	1
Radford, c. Bromley, b. Turner	8	1
Worstanman, b. Turner	11	1
Mearns, b. Turner	11	1
Murphy, c. Lillywhite, b. Turner	1	1
Spencer, not out	1	0
Bristow, b. Hallwell	2	1
Tucker, c. Butler, b. Turner	19	1
Turner, b. Turner	0	1
Cope, c. Ancombe, b. Bradford	0	1
Kennedy, c. Turner, b. Bradford	8	1
Extras	2	0
Total	53	10

BOWLING ANALYSIS.
SHERWOOD FORESTERS.
Turner 30 26 7
Bradford 18 21 3
Hallwell 6 3 1
A.O.C. analysis not taken.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held yesterday afternoon in the Council Chamber. Present:—

HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR, Sir HENRY A. BLAKE, G.C.M.G.
HIS EXCELLENCY Sir W. GASCOIGNE, K.C.M.G. (Commanding the Troops).
Hon. F. H. MAY, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).
Hon. Sir HENRY SPENCER BERKELEY, K.T. (Attorney-General).
Hon. A. M. THOMSON (Colonial Treasurer).
Hon. Commander R. M. RUMSEY, R.N. (Harbour Master).
Hon. W. CHATHAM (Director of Public Works).
Hon. F. J. BADELEY (Captain Superintendent of Police).
Hon. Dr. HO KAI, C.M.G.
Hon. WAI A YUK.
Hon. C. S. SHARP.
Hon. C. W. DICKSON.
Hon. R. SHEWAN.
Mr. R. F. JOHNSTON (Acting Clerk of Council).

MEMBER SWORN IN.
The Hon. F. J. BADELEY took the oath and resumed his seat in the Council.

NOTICE OF QUESTIONS.
The Hon. R. G. SHEWAN gave notice of the following questions to be asked at next meeting of the Council:—(1) Will the Colonial Secretary inform the Council when the land settlement in the New Territory was commenced? (2) Will the Colonial Secretary give an explanation of the delay in settling this matter, about four years having elapsed since the date of the concession?

FINANCIAL.
The COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table Financial Minute No. 3, and moved that it be referred to the Finance Committee.
The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.
The COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee (No. 1), and moved its adoption.
The COLONIAL TREASURER seconded, and the motion was carried.

MERCHANT SHIPPING ORDINANCE.
The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—Sir, I beg to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the laws relating to the Merchant Shipping Amendment Ordinance, 1901. The Bill was introduced to further amend the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, 1899, and to amend the Merchant Shipping Amendment Ordinance with suggestions and directions from the Secretary of State and to meet certain requirements arising since the passing of the Ordinance of 1899. It was thought desirable to bring our legislation as far as possible into line on this subject with Imperial legislation; in fact, it is not only desirable, it is absolutely essential. At the present moment there is a Bill before His Majesty the King, amending his decision as to its fate, which was passed by the Council in 1901, and before that Bill is dealt with finally we have considered it necessary to further legislate in order to amend it, and the Bill before the Council is one to give effect to amendments we considered essential to making our local shipping legislation perfect in the sense of being identical with that of the mother country.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the Bill was read a second time.

The Council then went into committee on the Bill, and on resuming, there having been only a few minor amendments, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

THE PUNISHMENT OF FLOGGING.
The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—Sir, I beg to move the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to amend the laws relating to the punishment of flogging. The object is to make the law respecting the punishment of flogging, wherever administered, the same throughout the whole Empire, to regulate sentences of flogging; and to limit the number of strokes which may be awarded by any such sentence. The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the Bill was read a second time.

The Council then went into committee on the Bill, and on resuming, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

FUGITIVE CRIMINALS.
The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—Sir, I now beg to move the third motion standing in my name, that for the second reading of the Bill entitled an Ordinance to provide for the surrender of fugitive criminals from the territory of each of the Malay States—Perak, Selangor, Pahang and Negri Sembilan. The object of the Bill is to provide for the surrender of fugitive criminals from those States. The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded the motion, and the Bill was read a second time.

The Council then went into committee on the Bill, and on resuming, the Bill was read a third time and passed.

THE JURY LIST.
The Council considered privately the revision of the Jury List.
The Council adjourned.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.
A meeting of the Finance Committee was held immediately after the Council, the Colonial Secretary (chairman) presiding.
There was only one item down for consideration, a minute in which the Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of \$1,550 to meet the cost for the current year of an agency of the Hongkong Post Office established at Cleve, from 1st January, 1st Salary for Post Office Agent, 1st January to 31st December, 1903, at \$100 per annum, \$1,200.00
Incidental expenses, \$150.00
Office fittings and one safe, 200.00
Total, \$1,550.00

The vote was agreed to.
This was all the business.

THE APRIL RACE MEETING.

The Stewards of the Jockey Club have published the programme for the one-day Meeting, to be held on 4th April. It is as follows:—

Two races open to all China ponies.
One race open to China subscription griffins of this season, winners of any official race barred.
One race open to all horses. Handicap; any height.
Two races open to all subscription wagers of this season. Handicaps.
Entries close on 15th March. Full details will be announced later.

TELEPHONE SERVICE TO KOWLOON.

N. W. CABLE LAID.

Another step forward in the development of Kowloon has just been made by the laying of a telephone cable for public service from Hongkong to the other side of the Harbour. This has been done by the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd., whose enterprise deserves generous support at the hands of the colonial community. The need for telephone connection between Hongkong and her "suburb" is unquestioned; it has in fact been a crying need for a long time. Now the Telephone Company have surmounted the difficulties that lay in the way and within a few months a subscriber in Hongkong will be able to converse with his friend and fellow-subscriber in Kowloon without recourse to the Star Ferry. The cable which has just been laid is the heaviest ever put down in the neighbourhood. It weighs about eight tons and is of the eight-core kind. As with the other cables which cross the Harbour, it is placed within the protected cable area, 300 yards or so wide, running from North Point (beyond Bayview Hotel) to Hung Hom. Within this strip no vessel is allowed to anchor, it being protected by lights at night and notices during the day. There are all cables laid. At present, it may be interesting to mention, there are three single-wire telephone cables in existence—one belonging to the police, one to the Dock Company connecting with both Hung Hom and Cosmopolitan Docks, and the third to the Godown Company.

The actual laying of the new cable was carried out without a hitch and was accomplished under the superintendence of Mr. W. Sturt Harrison, the manager. The cable was coiled up on board a big junk, and a steam launch provided the locomotive power. When the end of the cable was made fast on shore the junk was towed forward and as she progressed the cable was paid out gradually and in such a manner as to prevent accumulations of "slack." When the other side was reached the remainder of the cable was taken ashore and the end made fast in the cable-house erected for the purpose. The cable is a little over a mile long. Owing to the distance of the cable from the central part of the Colony, it will be necessary for the Telephone Company to construct about five miles of land lines, three on this side and two in Kowloon. On the Kowloon side the exchange will be in the rather oddly shaped building which most people in the Colony must have noticed at one time or another in Cameron Road opposite Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co.'s new dispensary. It should be mentioned that the important operation of testing the new cable has been carried out by Mr. H. Warren of the Telegraph Company with, we understand, satisfactory results.

THE BROUGH COMPANY.

Playgoers have no cause to complain about lack of variety of the programme issued each week by Mr. Brough. The repertoire of this company is somewhat remarkable. During the past ten nights the actor-manager has staged three plays, and it is now understood that during the remaining short term of his season, no fewer than eleven pieces will be presented in rapid succession. For to-night and Monday next Mrs. Dane's Defence will be the attraction. As has already been pointed out, the new work is a particularly strong one, the third act being indeed quite "sensational." The casts of characters this evening will be precisely the same as that which has interpreted the play throughout the recent Australian tour, and is as follows:—

Sir Daniel (Mr. Justice) Carteret..... Mr. Brough
Lionel Carteret (his adopted son)..... Mr. Ernest Vere
Canon Bonney..... Mr. McIntyre
Mr. Bulson Porter..... Mr. Leslie Victor
Mr. James Esley..... Mr. W. T. Lovell
Fendick (a Private Inquiry Agent)..... Mr. Orlando Daly
Adams (Butler to Lady Baskerville)..... Mr. Percy Walsh
Wilson (Butler to Sir Daniel)..... Mr. McLean
Mrs. Dane..... Mrs. Brough
Mrs. Bulson Porter..... Miss Jessie Vaughan
Joneston (Cousin to Lady Baskerville)..... Miss Brenda Gibson
Lady Esley..... Miss Temple

Elsewhere it is announced that *The Magistrate*, Pinero's best farce, will be played on Thursday and Friday, followed by *The Liars* next Saturday. The box-plans for all these plays are now open at Robinson's.

CHURCH SERVICES.

S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

1st March, 1st Sunday, in Lent.

Matins (11 a.m.).
Responses, Psalms, Venite, Golden; Psalms, Wesley, Hymns and Monks; Benedicite, Winchester in E flat, Jubilate, Hymns in F; Anthem, "Turn Thy face from me," T. Atwood; Hymn, 84; Kyrie, Schubert in G; Offertory Hymn, 259.
Evensong (5.45 p.m.).
Responses, Psalms, Psalms, Parcell, Cooke and Tucker; Magnificat, Emma in E (14th E); Nunc Dimittis, Macfarren in D (8th M); Hymns, 52, 183 and 251; Vesper Hymn, Ward (No. 1).

S. PETER'S CHURCH.

(Corner of Des Voeux Road West and Western Street.)

Matins (11 a.m.).
Hymn, 105; Venite, Croft; To Denm, Fawcett; Benedicite, Woodward; Hymns, 62, 13, and 534.
Holy Communion, 12.30.
Evensong (6.30 p.m.).
Hymn, 103; Nunc Dimittis, Battisbush; Hymns, 63 S.H., 14 S.H., and 533.
The Mission launch *Daywing* will visit the ships between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m. and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier at 10.30 and 6) to bring friends ashore to the services returning afterwards. The "Answering Pen" is the call flag. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Strangers welcome.

SUPREME COURT.

Friday, 27th February.

IN ADMIRALTY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR SIR WILLIAM M. GOODMAN (CHIEF JUSTICE) AND COMMANDER BASIL R. H. TAYLOR (ASSESSOR).

STEAMER v. JUNK.
Evidence was continued in the case in which the steamer *Eclair* sued licensed cargo-junk No. 711 for damages arising out of a collision on 5th November, 1902, in Capuimun Pass. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C. (ins. acted by Mr. Paget Hett of Messrs. Mouney & Bratton, solicitors), appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C. (instructed by Mr. F. X. d'Almada e Castro, solicitor), for the defendant. His Lordship in delivering judgment said the facts were undisputed that a collision occurred between the junk and the steamer near the entrance to Capuimun Pass. It was equally clear that in the ordinary course of things it was the duty of a steamer to keep out of the way of a sailing-ship. In order to facilitate the performance of that duty on the part of a steamer, the Merchant Shipping Act provided that every junk when it is under way shall have displayed a white light clearly visible all round at a height of not less than ten feet from the water. It need hardly be said that on a night of a dark sky the junk was sailing along without any light it was almost impossible for a steamer to perform the duty thrown upon them in the first place of keeping out of the way of sailing-ships. They could not always keep out of the way of a thing which was not seen within a reasonable distance or until almost the moment of collision. Calculating from the joint speeds at which the steamer and the junk were travelling, the evidence of the *Eclair* people was that they did not see the junk until something like 25 or 30 seconds before the collision. On the other hand the junk people said that the steamer was white and red lights about 1,600 yards off but did not see the hull of the steamer until 400 yards off. If the junk people saw the lights of the steamer they knew the precise spot to look for her hull. The question resolved itself into this: was there or was there not a light on the junk? Of six witnesses from the steamer, four stated definitely that there was no light on the junk, and their evidence was partially corroborated by the other two, who, however, were not looking out before the collision. Three people from the junk stated that there was a light on the junk. One of these, who looked away from the steamer while he said that he hoisted it himself and that two people told him to hoist it that night. His Lordship was inclined to think that this last statement was an afterthought and an exaggeration, and that this man was not speaking truly. As a jury, his Lordship said, he would be inclined on the whole to find in favour of the steamer, for he could not help thinking that, if there had been a proper light on the junk, the people on the steamer would have seen it earlier than they did. His assessor and himself found that there was no light on the junk. Now, this was a differentiation from other cases where the steamer was at fault. When the steamer went after the junk and picked her up, the people on board the steamer did what they had not the slightest right to do and what laid them open to a very heavy penalty under the Shipping Act. Their whole conduct was extremely bullying and improper. They had a perfect right to lay by the junk, to shadow her, and then to take any action they might think proper when they got back to Hongkong. But instead of that the steamer people went on board the junk and tied her up to the steamer and towed her to Hongkong. The towing was an extraordinary state of things. The junk people objected to it at first, there was latterly a sort of consent on the part of the junk people. But the steamer people had no right to go on board whatever. Then there came an extraordinary passage in the case which he thought was unique in his experience. The junk people positively said that when the steamer people came on board the junk one of them, a man in authority, said, "Pull down the lighted lamp from the masthead and we will say that they had no light." Two witnesses said they heard this said. He was bound to say that he did not believe the story, for it would be such an awful criminal act that he could not convict a man at all on such evidence. It seemed to him grossly improbable. It was just possible that a wicked man might pull down the lamp under such circumstances but he would be an arrant fool as well as a scoundrel were he to proclaim it before the crew and the numerous passengers on both vessels. His assessor and himself agreed, each acting as a separate and independent jurymen, that there was no light on the junk. He was going to mark his sense of the wrongful action of the steamer's people in going on board the junk and doing what they did by disallowing them their costs. They went on board the junk and forcibly took away with them a lamp, the identification of which had caused an immense amount of trouble. The result of his decision was that he found for the plaintiff, that the collision was occasioned by the fault of the junk and not by the fault of the *Eclair*, the fault being that the junk had not any proper light up, and he did not think the steamer could be held liable as being able to avoid collision after she saw the junk; but he did not give the plaintiff any costs because he considered that the costs of the case should be borne by the junk and the *Eclair* in taking that lamp away and generally their conduct in going on board the junk and doing what they did was grossly improper and had very much complicated the case; in order to show his disapproval of it he disallowed them their costs. There would be the usual enquiry as to damages.
The Court rose at 5.30 p.m.

ANDREW CARNEGIE.

Mr. W. T. Stead writes upon "Mr. Carnegie as I Know Him," in the *Young Man* for January. He says:—Mr. Andrew Carnegie, as I know him, is one of the pleasantest, jolliest, and most good-natured of mortals. He is in his sixtieth year, and he is as if he were a lad of seventeen in all simple, healthy, and natural amusements. He has kept his youth extraordinarily well; there is a robust boyishness about him which is very remarkable for a man of his years. The possession of his enormous fortune, which he accumulated in the course of a lifetime at the rate of about a million a year, does not weigh him down in the least. "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown" does not apply to this uncrowned modern king of the modern world. He is as chirpy as a cock-sparrow, and seems to feel the weight of his responsibilities no more than if he were a bird.

SPORTING NOTES.

When I wrote last week with reference to the recent race meeting in Hongkong, I certainly did not anticipate that so much feeling would be raised about the matter as there evidently has been, judging from the correspondence in the *Daily Press* under the heading of "Racing in Hongkong." Nor do I think that the correspondence was a natural outgrowth of my remarks. Mr. Morgan Phillip's letter in Thursday's issue does not at all events allege that there was anything offensive in what I stated last week. It is the opinion of many people among whom I am content to be classed, that the accumulation of horses in the leading stable did not prejudicially to the interest in several events. But this does not show that the leading stable was to blame. On the contrary, it might be taken to show that the other stables gave way unduly to "falk." The interest which our best rider takes in racing should, properly speaking, stimulate the sport. That the reverse seems to be the result in Hongkong's misfortune I only wish that the gentleman in question had more followers.

The rather long delayed programme of the April Meeting has now been published, and if only owners of animals would pluck up heart there should be a chance of a successful meeting. The Jockey Club would have been wiser had it given a little more detailed notice of the forthcoming affair, but, after all, horse and pony owners do not so much want to outstrip the Stewards as to take advantage of the opportunities offered them. I still think that an April meeting is too near to the great annual event to make it worth while for those with a little money to spare to keep their horses in training or buy what they can at auction. But a one-day race meeting should at least offer better sport than the ordinary gymkhana out here.

To-day's leading cricket match is "Over 30 v. Under 30," and the juniors have a heavy defeat to wipe out, the previous match on the 11th October last having ended in a victory for the older men by 82 runs on the first innings—180 to 107 were the scores. On that occasion the brilliant Lt. France-Hayhurst took the opportunity of putting together 106, only one run less than the other side's whole innings, while Capt. Fawcett captured 6 wickets of the "Under 30" team for only 21 runs. The teams for to-day's match appear in other column, and it is to be hoped that a closer game will result. The "younger men" of Hongkong ought to be tired by now of hearing of their lack of sport.

Footballers to-day will have an opportunity of witnessing a Rugby match—one of the last of the Rugby season, I expect—the H.K.F.C. meeting a combination of the *Ocean* and *Talbot*. The Club has recently suffered heavy losses, Graham and Paddy having left Hongkong and Peares having injured his collarbone in the last game he took part in. What this means to the Club's back formation will readily be appreciated by those who have followed the doings of the Rugby team. There are a lot of capable players in the selected team, but the vacancies can hardly be said to be adequately filled, especially as two or three forwards are also missing.

It was a welcome sight to see the Hongkong Hockey Club winning two matches in succession this week, even if the victories were gained at the expense of two of the weaker naval teams. The Club had to contend with a certain want of homogeneity in its sides, and the combination has thereby suffered. There is no doubt it should have stood higher in the list with a less variable eleven. Running two teams, moreover, was a plucky but doubtfully advantageous experiment.

Owing to the deeply regretted death of Dr. Canton, two of the players who were down to appear in the International polo match last Saturday could not turn up, and the match between England and Scotland was scratched. Scotland could not put in a full team to-day, so in consequence the draw has been revised and England will meet Ireland in the first round this afternoon. The teams will be—England—Light, Kitchener, Keller, and Smith; Ireland—May, Thornhill, Steen, and Lambkin. The winners will meet the Scottish team in the final. This afternoon the band of the 14th Bombay Infantry will be in attendance at Causeway Bay.

OMPAX.

A QUESTION OF OWNERSHIP.

The question of the ownership of the lease of the Paris building, Manila, is before Judge Ambler. Williams & Chandler, the present agents for the building, says the *Manila Times*, have asked the court to compel the Manila Investment Co. and Mr. Fitton, who both claim in the ownership of the lease under which Williams & Chandler hold the property, to litigate their rights as to who shall receive the rent. For the past few months Williams & Chandler had been paying lease rent to Mr. Fitton. Mr. Fitton, it is claimed, while acting as representative of the Manila Investment Company, disposed of the lease in own name to Williams & Chandler, accepting less rental than that asked by the Manila Investment Company, with whom it is alleged Chandler & Williams were at the same time negotiating over the lease. The Manila Investment Co. objects to coming into court and interpleading, holding that it has a direct right to the lease. It has brought suit against Mr. Fitton. Quite an array of legal talent appears in the case, Messrs. Davis and Cobb representing Williams & Chandler, Mr. Waite representing Mr. Fitton, and Messrs. Lyon and Woolson and Mr. Suro representing the Manila Investment Co.

PHOTOGRAPHS

OF THE FOLLOWING RACES:

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GERMAN CUP

GARRISON CUP

EXCHANGE PLATE

PROFESSIONAL CUP

HONGKONG STAKES

ACHEE & CO.,

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17A, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1903.

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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 27th February:—The market has been active during the week and a fair business has been transacted, whilst rates generally speaking have improved and close firm.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai after an unsatisfied demand at \$685 have found buyers at \$687½ cash, market closing with further buyers at the latter rate. No time business has been reported. Nationals unchanged and without business.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions have further advanced to \$515 after small sales at \$510, and further shares could be placed at the higher rate. China Traders have been the medium of a fair business at \$57/58 and more shares could be placed at the latter rate at time of closing. Xangzates have improved and are enquired for at \$135 after small sales. Cantons and Straits unchanged and without business.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkongs have ruled steady with small sales at \$327½, closing with further buyers at that rate. China Fires have changed hands at \$86½ and \$87.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have found buyers at \$364, \$364 and \$37, closing a little easier with small sellers at quotation. Indes continued to rule erratic in the early part of the week and sales were effected for cash at \$97, \$98 and \$99, also for April at \$99, and for June at \$99 and \$100; later the market firmed up considerably and sales were made at \$101 cash, \$101 for March and \$103 for June, market closing at \$102 cash and with an unsatisfied demand for June and further forward. Star Ferries have changed hands at \$25½ old and \$14 new. Shell Transports remain neglected at 30s.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars have ruled weak with sellers and no sales to report; closing rate is \$100 with sellers; Luzons neglected at quotation.

MINING.—Panjans have declined to \$38, after further small sales at \$4. Nothing else under this heading calls for special reference.

DOCK, WHARVES & GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks found buyers in the early part of the week at \$205 cum div., and afterwards at \$199 and \$198 ½ cum div., market closing steady at \$199. Kowloon Wharves have advanced to \$96 with buyers after small sales at \$93½, \$94 and \$95 for cash and at \$90, \$100 and \$101 for August. Panjans after small sales at \$182½ are quoted \$193½ sellers.

LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands continue a quiet market with sellers at \$177 and no sales to report at that rate. Hotels remain unchanged and quiet. West Point could be placed at \$52, but no shares are forthcoming.

COTTON MILLS.—No local business to report under this heading.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Green Islands have been placed at \$2 ¼ to \$2½, closing with sellers at \$2½. Watsons and Fowicks have changed hands at quotations, whilst Campbell Moores and Watsons have advanced to \$40 and \$14 respectively. Other stocks under this heading call for no special reference.

MEMOS.—Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. ordinary yearly meeting on 2nd March; transfer books closed on 16th inst. China Fire Insurance Company, yearly meeting on 5th March; transfer books closed on 18th inst. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf Company, ordinary meeting on 12th March; transfer books close on 2nd March. Luzon Sugar Refining Company, ordinary yearly meeting on 17th March; transfer books close on 3rd March. China Sugar Refining Company, ordinary yearly meeting on 17th March; transfer books close on 3rd March.

U.S. PRECAUTION AGAINST ANARCHISTS.

A London telegram to the *N.C. Daily News* dated 21st February states that the House of Representatives at Washington has passed a Bill punishing the murderer of a President or Vice-President or Foreign Ambassador or Minister, with death. Attempts at murder of these high personages are to be punished with death or imprisonment for a minimum period of ten years. Investigators are punishable as principals. Persons advocating the killing of officers of the government of any civilised nation are to be punished with a maximum imprisonment for twenty years. Anarchists are prohibited entering the United States.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Indo-China steamer *Laisang* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 24th inst., and may be expected here on the 13th prox. The O. & O. steamer *Gaelic* left Manila for this port on the 26th inst., at 1 p.m., and is due here to-day, at noon.

THE "OPEN DOOR" AT PORT ARTHUR.

When the Anglo-Saxon Powers satisfied themselves that if they allowed Russia to take Manchuria and the Liautung Peninsula, she would scrupulously observe the policy of the "Open Door," they satisfied themselves much more easily than did the British and American residents in the Far East; and the translations from the "Novoe Krai" published in the *Echo de Chine* give some indications of the spirit that really actuates the Russians at Port Arthur. In the first place, Port Arthur feels that it must have a special bank; and thanks to the untiring efforts of General Alexioff, it will soon have two, a Bank of Commerce and a Bank of Agriculture. The Russian Bank of Foreign Commerce is to open a branch there, which will enable Russian enterprise to obtain the credits which it has hitherto sought in vain, and thus compete on equal terms with foreigners. Another bank, the Jaroslavl-Kostromskoi Ziemelnoi Bank, proposes to lend money on the security of land and buildings at Port Arthur, which will enable the landed proprietors in the new town to proceed with their buildings, which they have been unable to do hitherto from want of capital. The establishment of these banks will perhaps be considered a natural development; but we go on to read that it has been discovered that foreign fire insurance companies have been doing a large business, by means of travelling or resident agents in the Peninsula, without asking permission of the Russian authorities, and so without coming under Russian control. The chief inspector of the Insurance Company "Russie" has accordingly requested General Alexioff to investigate this scandal and take measures to remedy it. The General delegated the enquiry to the Civil Commissioner, who has reported in effect that the agents and sub-agents of foreign insurance companies, masking their operations by means of all sorts, have succeeded in persuading a large number of inexperienced clients to take out policies of insurance. To remedy this, it is proposed to pass a law prohibiting advances on any property insured in a foreign company. It is very certain that our predictions will be fulfilled that the gradual consolidation of the Russian hold over Manchuria will be accompanied by the gradual closing of the "Open Door," which is now not much more than a jar. *N.C. Daily News*.

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Hongkong, 28th February, 1903. [672]

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THE following RACES have been arranged for the MEETING, which will be held on the 4th APRIL next—

Two Races open to all China Ponies.

One Race open to China Subscription Grifflins of this season—Winners of any Official Race barred.

One Race open to all Horses. Handicap; any height.

Two Races open to all Subscription Waters of this season. Handicap.

Entries close on 15th March.

Full details will be duly announced.

J. GRANT, Secretary.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1903. [673]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to Sell by Public Auction,

on WEDNESDAY, the 4th MARCH, 1903, at 2.30 P.M., at his SALES ROOMS, Queen's Road, HANDSOME HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

BEVELED GLASS DOOR WARDROBES, DOUBLE & SINGLE BED-STEADS, OVERMANTLES, PICTURES and ORNAMENTS; CROCKERY, GLASS and PLATED WARE;

One Large MUSICAL BOX, One TABLE TENNIS, and One COOKING RANGE, &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As Customers, V. I. REMEDIOS, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 28th February, 1903. [675]

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBOROUGH, ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, COLOMBO AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"INABA MARU" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of general Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, To-morrow, 27th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 5th prox. will be subject to rent.

All ship-damaged packages must be left in the Godowns and notice of same sent to this Office before the 8th prox., or claims in connection therewith will not be recognised.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1903. [674]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship

"MAZAGON" FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godown at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 5th prox., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. BEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1903. [1]

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Hongkong, 28th February, 1903.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SHANGHAI, CHEMULPO, DALNY AND PORT ARTHUR.

THE Steamship "BULLBERG," Captain Meyer, will be despatched for the above ports on SUNDAY, the 15th March, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE, Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1903. [670]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship "GREGORY APCAR" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at once at Consignees' risk and expense.

Cargo remaining on board after 4 p.m., of the 2nd March, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE delivery of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LD., Agents.

Hongkong, 27th February, 1903. [671]

EXCURSION.

THE Twin Screw Steamer "CHU KONG" (late "Bakan-Maru"), will leave her usual Wharf TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 28th inst., at 6 p.m., for Macao, and will return TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), the 1st March, at 10.30 p.m. sharp. Return Tickets \$2 each.

Passengers desiring to obtain Sleeping Accommodation should apply as early as possible to—

RITCHIE & CO., 39, Des Voeux Road.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1903. [652]

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

TO-MORROW (SUNDAY), the 1st MARCH, the well known commodious and new Steamer "WING CHAI," Captain Austin, P.M.N., will leave the wharf opposite the Central Market at 9 A.M., and will return from Macao at 10 p.m.

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Tickets to be had at the "Hongkong Printing Press" or on board.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1903. [655]

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1903. [653]

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Hongkong, 27th February, 1903. [665]

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AN ASSISTANT for BOOKKEEPING and General Office Work. Knowledge of German language required.

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Hongkong, 26th February, 1903. [656]

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A HOUSE in the Central part of the Town suitable for a Studio.

Apply to—C. W. CLARK, Post Office Box No. 142.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1903. [643]

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Apply, stating Terms, to—DR. MULLER, 16, Queen's Road.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1903. [614]

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A RESPONSIBLE EUROPEAN FOREMAN of WORKS experienced in first-class joinery and plastering. Good salary to a capable and steady man.

Apply to—TURNER & CO., Hongkong, 20th February, 1903. [589]

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A MALE TEACHER.

Apply by Letter, to—M. M. B., Care of Daily Press Office.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1903. [540]

NOTICE.

HOUSEHOLDERS are hereby requested to make a special effort at this time of the year to destroy rats and to fill up rat-holes with cement.

Rat-traps and bird-lime may be obtained from the Secretary to the Board free of cost.

By Order, G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary.

Sanitary Board Room, Hongkong, 14th February, 1903. [599]

ENTERTAINMENT

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

Under the direction of Mr. ROBERT BROUGH, Representative... Mr. ALLAN HAMILTON.

TO-NIGHT (SATURDAY), 28th FEBRUARY.

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Hongkong, 25th February, 1903. [612]

AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTION OF SILK EMBROIDERIES, TEMPLE BROCADES AND FINE ART CURIOS.

THE Undersigned will Sell by Public Auction, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 28th FEBRUARY, 1903, commencing at 11 A.M. sharp, and going on till 12.30 P.M. Sale to be resumed at 2.30 P.M. at his SALES ROOMS, Duddell Street.

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On View from Friday, the 27th February. Catalogues will be issued.

TERMS.—Cash on delivery.

GEO. P. LAMMERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1903. [617]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, TO-DAY (SATURDAY), the 28th FEBRUARY, 1903, at 2.30 P.M., at GENEALY, No. 14, WYNDHAM STREET, THE WHOLE OF THE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

Comprising—SINGLE IRON and BRASS BED-STEADS, TEAKWOOD TABLES, OVERMANTLES, SIDEBOARDS, WARDROBES, WASHSTANDS, LAMPS, WRITING TABLE, BOOKCASES, BATTAN FURNITURE, GAS STOVE, &c., &c.

Catalogues may be had on application on Friday.

TERMS.—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1903. [642]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, under Bill of Sale No. 2 of 1903, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, on TUESDAY, the 3rd MARCH, 1903, at 2.30 P.M., at No. 25, PRINCE STREET, THE GOODS AND CHATELS OF

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TERMS.—As usual.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1903. [637]

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of ZETLAND LODGE will be held at the FREE-MASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 2nd MARCH, at 8.30 for 9 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1903. [635]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 10 per cent. per Share and BONUS of 2 per cent. per Share for the six months ending 31st December, 1902, declared at the Ordinary Yearly Meeting, held this day, will be payable at the Premises of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Corporation, on and after TUESDAY, the 24th FEBRUARY, and Shareholders are requested to apply for Dividend Warrants at the Company's Office, Queen's Buildings, New Praya.

By Order of the Board of Directors, GEO. A. CALDWELL, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1903. [627]

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the OFFICES of the Company, Pedder's Street, on MONDAY, the 2nd day of MARCH, 1903, at 12 o'clock Noon, to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1902, and the Report of the General Managers and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th February to the 2nd March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers, Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 25th February, 1903. [476]

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-FOURTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 3, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 5th March, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th instant to the 5th proximo, both days inclusive.

By Order, GEO. L. TOMLIN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th February, 1903. [444]

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 2, Connaught Road, at Noon, on THURSDAY, the 12th MARCH, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 2nd to the 12th MARCH, both days inclusive.

EDWARD OSBORNE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1903. [626]

LUZON SUGAR REFINING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on TUESDAY, the 17th MARCH, 1903, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th MARCH, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1903. [659]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-FIFTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the General Agents, on TUESDAY, the 17th MARCH, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 3rd to the 17th MARCH, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1903. [634]

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE CERTIFICATE of 8 SHARES numbered 583/588, standing in the Register of this Company in the name of Late E. EBBRAHIM, having been LOST, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Duplicate Certificate for the said 8 Shares will be issued one month hence and that the Original certificate unless produced within that period will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 2nd February, 1903. [425]

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1902. [117-1]

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Head Quarters Office,
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CHAPTER XVIII.

WILD NATURE.

The rudeness that had appeared in me, have I learned from my environment.

Tenth Night, Act I, sc. 5.

When Chris entered the parsonage in Bala-way Place, she passed a man, who was leaving, and who, as she judged, was a doctor; and on being shown into the parlour she found her cousin in tears.

"What is the matter, Martha?"

"I have just been told that I must leave town, and be away for some months."

"Well, that is no crying matter."

"But there is my work, and I cannot bear to leave that."

"Now, Martha," said Chris, abruptly turning round, and planting herself beside her cousin, "I came here to-day with a proposition. I had my doubts as I walked along, whether I should be able to induce you to accept it, but now I shall force it on you, and you shall accept it *bona fide* and *grat*. You must go into the country and stay with my aunt Laura De-munt, who, I am convinced, will receive you, and during your absence, whilst you are gathering roses for your cheeks, and focusing sunlight on your eyes to bring the sparkle back, I will take charge of your club, and work it to the best of my poor ability."

"You do not realise what you would under-take."

"I think I do. That is to say, I have a rough idea of the undertaking."

"The girls," said Martha; "as they come to us are animals. They have neither reverence nor discipline. They are brought up from infancy to use the most horrible language, such as sounds on every side in their ears. They are familiarised with the most brutal forms of evil from their cradles. They have no regard for their parents, and flout them to their faces. They get beaten in their homes by drunken fathers, and sworn at by intoxicated mothers. But, indeed, they have not homes, only lairs. The street is their playground, and their only notion of sport is horseplay. When I started my club, they rolled over one another on the floor, pulling each other's hair, swearing and cursing."

"You paint them in dark colours, Martha."

"I paint them with a brush dipped in nature's colour box. They are animals, but not mere animals. They have good in them. They are affectionate, they are good-natured. And they are marvellously cheerful amidst the most depressing surroundings and in the most adverse circumstances."

"A change of fashion, the failure of a firm, depression in trade, will throw them out of work, and leave them on the verge of starvation."

"The inexorable rent-collector comes round, and unless the rent is paid, they are thrust forth into the street. They face the most terrible trouble with a good courage; though their cheeks be haggard with want, they never lose hope. But that there is good in them you know."

"Yes—what else would have induced them to surrender my watch and purse?"

"The divine image is beamed and battered and almost past recognition, but with patience it may be made to shine forth. It can be done, it is done, and that is the joy of the work."

"But will they come to your club?"

"At first starting they were shy and unwilling, but now we could have more than we can accommodate. The club-hours are the bright spots in their dull lives. They would not miss them on any account. The club does not interfere with family life, for they have no family life, no home as we understand the word. They must have the club or the gutter."

"How often do you have club-nights?"

"Twice in the week. On Saturdays they have their marketing. On two evenings we expect them to be assisting their mothers."

"And what are your rules?"

"They are few and simple—a happy-go week, and prompt obedience to the lady in charge."

"But do they not sometimes break out?"

"Yes, they break out, and then all your patience, tact, and firmness are required. If you cannot get the rebel to submit, you must expel her. But what damage she may do, what violence she may have recourse to, never summons the police, that would be fatal, you must rely on yourself and God."

"By the way—how about religion?"

"Let that be in your heart, and not on your lips. We have to civilise, to make the poor creatures human, before we can Christianise. The soil must be broken up before you can sow the seed. The one quality in you they will respect is not your ladylike ways, nor your kindness, but your firmness. Never yield, but be tactful. And there must be no favouritism."

"There you hit me hard. I have a favourite already, and that is Brice."

"She is not in the club."

"But she may come in when I am there."

"Show no preference in the club. Outside does not matter, as they know you owe a debt of gratitude to Brice. You will find the girls thoroughly independent, and free from servility. They belong to numerous social cliques, which, of course, you cannot recognise. For instance, the feather-outlet considers herself distinctly above the worker in the Borell factory. In the same way the box-maker is above the plate-outlet; but each, and all, are ready to recognise superior knowledge, and better manners, and acknowledge it with a slightest dropping of one of their very independent spirits."

"How do you spend your evenings?"

"There are classes for the girls, reading, musical drill, needlework, and dancing."

"Dancing?"

"You must have it. It gives them healthy exercise, and they are quite happy with each other as partners. I have recently started simple cooking, and they are as keen as mustard on that."

"And you really see results?"

"Such as astonish one. Now the club is very different from what it was at first. Then the girls were wild beasts. Now they have acquired self-restraint, and they are as proud of their club and of its respectability as any West-end gentleman is of his. Once in the month we have an entertainment, with song, dancing and theatricals. My father is not prim and precise, and allows the choir members and those of the boys' guild to be present and dance with our girls. They must meet in the streets, if they do not at our entertainments at the Club. Look at that photograph yonder."

Martha pointed to one framed against the wall.

Chris rose, walked to it, and studied it. The photograph represented a group of girls in drill costume, some standing, some seated, others reclining in front of them.

"There are girls here quite refined looking," said Chris; "and one has a remarkably sweet face."

"That was a girl whose talk, when she first came to us, was so dreadful that it made one's blood curdle to hear it, and it had become to her so habitual, that it was a real effort with her to control it. Yet now she is one of the dearest and best of my pupils. If I have a favourite it is she, but I let neither her nor the rest suspect it. Then once more—you must visit the girls, know their homes, and make them your friends. When you have completely gained their confidence, then they will pour out their hearts, their troubles in your ear. At such a time as that you may introduce religion. But do not pitchfork it in at the club door."

"Martha, I have weighed what you have said. My offer holds. Will you accept my help for what it is worth?"

"I will, indeed, Chris, with the certainty that you are the person above all others to do the work better than myself."

"Shake hands, it is a bargain. You shall leave so soon as you have introduced me."

"But how about Lady Barbara?"

"She is growing impatient, because I interfere with her cribbage. Sir John insists on devoting some time to conversation with me, and he persists in looking away from his cards to address a few words at intervals to me. Aunt Babs will be thankful to be rid of me for three evenings in the week."

"So the afternoon passed till the maid opened the door, and announced that a gentleman in a cab outside in the street would be glad to know if Miss Christine Lavenham was ready to accompany him."

"It is the Admiral," said Chris. "I must not detain him. Good-evening, Ma-tha."

When she was in the conveyance with Sir John, the old gentleman informed her of what had been done for Cecil Boutflower. He had wired to his housekeeper to be prepared to receive him at The Pines. And now the only thing that remained to be done was to drive to

Queer Street, and announce the results to his family.

When the vehicle stopped at No. 8, Chris saw Brice at the door.

"Last me get out," she said, "and tell her!" and she leaped from the cab and went to the girl.

"Oh, Brice! I have news for you."

"What's up? There's been a grand old case here, so Mother Gogs says, as we carried off Cecil."

"Yes, he has been examined by a doctor, who has ordered him into the country where he will get strong and well—he has gone to day."

"Well, now!" ejaculated Brice.

"And," said Chris, "the doctor says that your room must be disinfected, or you will go into a decline as well."

"I look like it, don't I?"

"The floor must be scrubbed, and the walls and ceiling whitewashed."

"Oh, ah! any green in my eye? I'll risk it."

"It is not alone for you, Brice," urged Chris. "I know that you are fearless, but you must consider Cecil. If he were to return, after having been downed, into the same atmosphere and to the same room, in the same condition, he would sicken again. Have you known any consumptives who have been at the A.P.C.?"

"Yes—one or two. They died right off on end."

"Of course they did, because they came back to the same conditions. Brice! I shall be here on Saturday with a scrubbing brush, and a bar of soap, and a gal of whitewash, and a plasterer's brush and disinfectant. You and I together will put a new face on you."

"Get out," rejoined the girl. "If you will have it your way, I'll get my mate Selina Bultitude to help me. But see 'ere. I've news to tell you."

"What are they?"

"The 'Hownows made to father' has been doubled. It's three pounds now."

"What good news?"

"I don't know. Not so sure as that. It means that there's more than double money for father and Gogs to get drunk upon."

CHAPTER XIX.

THE BOUTFLOWER REMINISCENCES.

Honour pricks me on. Yes, but how I honour prick me off when I come on. Can honour set a leg? Not an arm? No. Or take away the girdle of a woman? No. What is honour? A word—Who hath it? He that did on a Wednesday. Dost he feel it? No. Dost he hear it? No. Is it sensible then? You to the den, but will it live with the living? No. Detraction will not suffer it. Therefore—I'll none of it.

—*Let. Pl. Henry IV., Act V. sc. 1.*

Admiral Sir John Chendos had undertaken a task the magnitude and difficulty of which he had not measured when he proposed it.

Fluent of tongue, he was stiff of finger. An anecdote that he could relate with ease, was hard to set down on paper. His thoughts, his reminiscences congealed as he talked, and he wrote and rewrote till he had shaped his material so as to be suitable to be typewritten.

Lady Barbara asked him one day when he proposed publishing. The Admiral hesitated, and then admitted that he had really no idea as to when his work would be sent to the printer.

His object was to find occupation for young Boutflower, and such occupation as might interest him, and develop in him a sense of self-respect as the grandson of so worthy a man.

He doubted whether his style was such as would commend itself to the public. He was nervously afraid of censure by the critics.

He was not sure that all his stories, his adventures described, were not chestnuts. For Sir John had been obliged to have recourse to Captain Mary's novels for graphic descriptions of storms, shipwrecks, and sea fights.

For examples of high moral conduct he had dipped into the *Perry Anecdotes*. With the assistance of Sir John Ross, he had painted an explorer's expedition to the Pole, and with the aid of Kinglake had given picturesqueness to the feats of Captain Boutflower in the Black Sea during the Crimean War.

"But," said Lady Barbara, "why do you take all this trouble about a common man?"

"Dear Lady," answered the Admiral, "he is a youth without ideals, with no conception of honour, truth, duty—and all this must be fashioned in him."

"But how about Lady Barbara?"

"I know all that," interrupted Lady Barbara. "But it is not altogether fact. You are imparting all kinds of detail to the biography from extraneous sources."

"It belongs to humanity at its noblest. And this poor, stooping lad is a member of a great family, and the deeds of the brave and good belong to the entire stock. I make my friend—and with justice—the figure-head, and crowd on white sail behind."

One day he came to Chris, looking perplexed.

"Miss Lavenham," said he, "I need your assistance for a few minutes, if you can spare the time."

"I am entirely at your disposal," said Chris cheerfully.

"It is this," said the Admiral. "I am making my friend Boutflower preach a sermon to the sailors, and, hang it, I cannot run it off the reel smoothly."

"But you understand the hearts of sailors."

"Yes; but I am in difficulties. I have been down recently to The Pines and have seen that young man, Cecil. He is getting on famously. He has found amusement on the Downs, and he has found a son of his housekeeper, a squib, or else hunting after hedgehogs, or squirrel nests. During the morning he is engaged in typewriting the Biography of his Grandfather, as fast as I can get it ready for

him. But now I am at a standstill. The lad has no sense of responsibility. I have had a talk with him about it, and I saw that I was on a topic he could not understand. So I went to give him a lesson on the matter through his grandfather. I have got so far as this, that the chaplain has been eaten by a shark, and the Captain thinks it is right for him to read service on the Sunday morning to the crew. It is a fact, Boutflower did lose a chaplain that way, and he was the man to read the service on nothing into his mouth, when I make him give a straight talk to the men. I know what he would have said, only he'd do it so much better than myself. He could speak as he could dance and point, to perfection. Well, I have dotted down a little address on Duty, but I can't make much out of it. It does not run at all like a pulpit oration."

"Is that a disadvantage?"

"You shall hear what I have done. You will wonder me a great service if you will polish it up for me."

"Read it to me, Sir John."

After some demur, and a little shame-facedness, the Admiral began.

"I'm going, my lads, to give you a few words about Duty. There is not one among you, if the vessel had sprung a leak and was bound to founder, but would hand the ladies and the children down the ladder into the only available boat, and then quietly yourselves go down with the vessel, sooner than take the place of one little child or feeble woman, to save your own skins. What would make you do that? Duty, my boys, duty."

"I read, only last week in the daily paper, of a nurse-girl. The house was on fire and she with the children in the attic. The flames were up to the staircase. People had spread feather-beds in the street, and told her to jump for her life. But she was responsible for four children, and before she would save herself, she sat each down and saw that it was safe. The room behind her was in flame, and after the last child was secure, she prepared to spring, but it was too late, the floor gave way and she perished in the fire. What made her care for her charge before her own self? Duty, my boys, duty."

"Excuse me, Sir John," interrupted Chris, "but is it right making Captain Boutflower take in and read a daily paper on boardship—say in the Tropics? Besides, I think I read that story in the papers last week."

"You are right. I never thought of that. I must cut that out. Now I will proceed."

"At Waterloo, my lads, as the red coats were shot down in their ranks, as cool as cucumber these behind stepped forward to fill the gaps, with the prospect of falling next minute themselves—and some of these were raw boys who had never smelt powder before in their lives. What made them do it? Duty to King and Country, my boys, duty! I have heard of a driver on a train, who saw that he was running into another; he might have saved his bacon by jumping off the engine, but he did not do so, he put down the brake and let off steam, and all—though he would be sure to die, to be scalded to death, mind you, when the smash came. Why so? Duty, my boys, duty! And I'd like to know to whom the duty is owed. Is it enough that it be to King, master, railway company, to induce a man to cast his children into poverty, and his wife to widowhood, and give up without a scruple ten, twenty, thirty years of life, and let his body go to feed fishes or the fire, or the worm? Ay, and to discharge duty—whether he be seen or not, without a chance of a paragraph in the papers, may be."

"No, my lads, duty must be due to One who has planted the sense in our hearts, and made us feel we are responsible, not only to Captain and Colonel, and Railway Board, but to Him above. Leave out that consideration, and Duty goes down like a house of cards, I'm darned if it don't."

"I think a less forcible expression would be advisable. Say—I'm non-plussed if it don't."

"The sailors would not understand it."

"Then say—I am at a loss to see if it does not."

"Well, but it sounds weak. However, I am in your hands. Now, what say you?"

"It needs no shaping. It is capital, all but the anacronism in the middle and the expletive at the end."

"You think so?"

"I am sure of it."

"There is one thing more. In a biography, one is expected to give a lot of pedigree. If you can derive your hero from one whose name is on the roll of Battle Abbey, so much the better. Now I have not a notion who were give the ancestors, I must put in the descendant, though no credit to the dear old fellow. I know he had a son—and I know who was Boutflower's wife, but whom that scoundrel of a son married I never heard. Could you find that out for me?"

"I will try, if I can catch the man sober."

A few days later, Chris brought a slit of paper and put it in the Admiral's hand.

"There, Sir John, is what you require. I got it from the maudlin old fellow. He was married in Pontonville, the year of the Ashantee War, but he does not recall the day."

"Yes—whilst his father was off the Gold Coast."

"I suppose you know that his wife has deserted him?"

"I know it, Cecil told me as much, but that need not go into the Biography."

"Then he put the folded piece of paper that contained the maiden name of Cecil's and Brice's mother into his waistcoat pocket, without looking at it."

(To be continued.)

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4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

ORIGIN	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BIRTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA GENOA	GLENGYLE	Brit. str.	—	T. Darke, R.N.E.	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	To-day.
LONDON, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	BENGA	Brit. str.	—	A. L. Valentini	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 4th March, at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	BANCA	Brit. str.	—	E. P. Martin, R.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 4th March, at Noon.
LONDON VIA GENOA	DIOMED	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 7th March.
LONDON	MACHAON	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 17th March.
LONDON VIA GENOA	KINTUCK	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 21st March.
LONDON	PINGSUEY	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 28th April.
LIVERPOOL	JASON	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th March.
LIVERPOOL VIA GENOA	NESTOR	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th April.
MARSEILLES & ANTWERP	DECCALION	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th April.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP V. S'PORE, &c.	PRERUS	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 24th April.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP V. S'PORE, &c.	HAKATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	F. L. Sommer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-day.
YOKOHAMA, LONDON & ANTWERP V. S'PORE, &c.	ANA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Girard	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 7th March, at Daylight.
YOKOHAMA, LONDON & ANTWERP V. S'PORE, &c.	PRERUS	Brit. str.	—	N. Trent	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 10th March, at 11 A.M.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	C. FERD. LAEISZ	Ger. str.	2 m.	E. Prehn	MELCHERS & CO.	On 21st March, at Daylight.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	ANDALUSIA	Ger. str.	—	Fuchs	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 4th March, at Noon.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	BAMBERG	Ger. str.	—	von Doehren	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 3rd March.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	KONIGSBERG	Ger. str.	—	Kirchner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 17th March.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	SAMBA	Ger. str.	—	Mayer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 28th March.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	SERBIA	Ger. str.	—	Schmidt	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 7th April.
HAYRE & HAMBURG	SAXONIA	Ger. str.	—	Rechner	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 21st April.
HAYRE, COPENHAGEN & BALTIC PORTS.	KOREA	Rus. str.	—	Jager	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 19th May.
TRIESTE, &c., VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	NIPPON	Ans. str.	—	Perata	MELCHERS & CO.	On 19th May.
NEW YORK, VIA PORTS & SUZUKI CANAL	SHIMOSA	Brit. str.	—	Klausberger	SANDER, WILSON & CO.	On or about 2nd March.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	EMPEROR OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	DODWELL & CO., LD.	On 2nd March.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	ATHENIAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	About 5th March.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA JAPAN	LYRA	Brit. str.	—	Williams	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	On 11th March, at Noon.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	AKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	J. W. Ekstrand	DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	On 18th March.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE VIA NAGASAKI, &c.	DANPA	Brit. str.	—	—	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 10th March.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	SHIMAZO MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 10th March, at 4 P.M.
PORTLAND, OREGON	INDRAPIRA	Jap. str.	2 m.	W. Thompson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 23rd March.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	—	Hollingsworth	PORTLAND & ASIATIC S.S. CO.	On 24th March, at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS	EMPIRE	Brit. str.	2 m.	McArthur	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, &c.	CANDIA	Brit. str.	—	G. C. Andrews	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.	On 11th March.
YOKOHAMA, VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE.	JAYA	Brit. str.	—	E. P. Martin, R.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 19th March, at Noon.
MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HIOHOSHIMA MARU	Jap. str.	—	G. W. Gordon, R.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 24th inst.
KOBE, NAGASAKI & VLADIVOSTOCK	SAVOIA	Ger. str.	—	J. Nagas	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On or about 24th inst.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HITACHI MARU	Jap. str.	—	Rebhelmand	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 20th March, at Noon.
KOBE	CHINTUNG	Brit. str.	—	J. Campbell	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 5th March, at Daylight.
KOBE	IZUMI MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 13th March, at Daylight.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 16th March.
CHINKIANG	SZECHUEN	Brit. str.	2 m.	A. E. Moses	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th March, at Noon.
SHANGHAI & KOBE	MAZAGON	Brit. str.	—	W. Phillips, R.N.E.	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 25th March, at Noon.
SHANGHAI	VALENTIA	Brit. str.	—	G. B. Palmer	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 3rd March.
SHANGHAI, CHERMULPO, DALNY & PORT ARTHUR	SULLBERG	Ger. str.	2 m.	W. B. Palmer	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On or about 28th inst.
TAMU, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	DAIJIN MARU	Jap. str.	—	Meyer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 3rd March.
ANPING, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	MAIDURU MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	T. Orata	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 15th March, at Daylight.
FOOCHOW, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	ANPING MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	T. Saito	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-morrow.
AMOY, SAMARANG & SOURABAYA	SHANTUNG	Brit. str.	—	I. Goto	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 11th March.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW	HAITAN	Brit. str.	2 h.	Roch	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 6th March.
CEBU & ILOILO	KATFONG	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at Daylight.
MANILA	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	2 m.	Weigall	JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.	On 7th March.
MANILA	ROSETTA MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	N. Tate	TOYO KISEN KAISHA	To-day, at 2 P.M.
MANILA	FUNGK'ANG	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 3rd March, at Noon.
MANILA DIRECT	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	—	R. Rodger	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 11th March.
KUDAT & SANDAKAN	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	2 m.	R. W. Almond	SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.	On 6th March, at Noon.
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO & BOMBAY	SANDAKAN	Ger. str.	2 m.	Schur	MELCHERS & CO.	On 13th March, at Noon.
BOMBAY, VIA SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	TRINITY	Brit. str.	—	W. W. Cooke, R.N.E.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Quick despatch.
BOMBAY	KINSHI MARU	Jap. str.	2 m.	F. L. Pyne	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On or about 6th March.
BOMBAY	BOMBAY MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Mural	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 4th March, at 4 P.M.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

Feb. 26. GREGORY APCAR, British str., 2,940. J. G. Oliffert, Calcutta 7th Feb. General. — DAVID SASSON & Co., LD.

Feb. 27. APENADE, German str., 650. A. P. Uderup, Pakhoi 24th February, General. — JESSEN & Co.

Feb. 27. AYR, British str., 1,995. W. H. Gibson, Bangkok 7th January, Coal.—British Government.

Feb. 27. LINGAI, British steamer, 2,751. A. L. Valentini, Shanghai 24th Feb. Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Feb. 27. CARL DIEDERICHSEN, German str., 774. G. Schalkier, Hiphong 24th and Hoihow 26th Feb. General.—JESSEN & Co.

Feb. 27. DIV. P. Portuguese gunboat, 750. P. d'Azevedo, from Macao.

Feb. 27. DIAMANTE, British str., 1,940. A. H. A. Nelly, Manila 24th February.—SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Feb. 27. KWANGLEE, Chinese str., from Canton.

Feb. 27. MAZAGON, British steamer, 3,279. G. Phillips, Singapore 22nd Feb. General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Feb. 27. P. C. K. German str., 1,012. J. Bohn, Bangkok 20th February, Rice.—MELCHERS & CO.

Feb. 27. RAGNAR, Norwegian str., 1,920. H. Neilsen, Chinkiang 22nd Feb. General.—On ex.

Feb. 27. VALETTA, British str., 2,973. W. B. Palmer, Bombay and Singapore 22nd Feb. Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Feb. 27. VICTORIA, Swedish str., 919. J. A. Hellberg, Singapore 17th Feb. General.—ORDER.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE.
27th February.

Hongkong, British str., for Swatow.

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Yanla Maru, Japanese str., for Kobe.

Kanaga Maru, Japanese str., for Manila.

Kumano Maru, Japanese str., for Nagasaki.

Labor, Norwegian str., for Canton.

Moyune, British str., for Manila.

Petrone, German str., for Kobe.

Pronto, German str., for Shanghai.

Rubi, British str., for Manila.

DEPARTURES.

27th February.

AMGO, Norwegian str., for Canton.

ELANO, U.S. gunboat, for Amoy.

FAUSANG, British str., for Shanghai.

HANGSANG, British str., for Shanghai.

INABA MARU, Japanese str., for Kobe.

KASUGA MARU, Japanese str., for Australia.

KORBA, American str., for San Francisco.

KUMANO MARU, Japanese str., for Nagasaki.

MEEFOO, Chinese str., for Canton.

MOYUNE, British str., for Manila.

PETRARCH, German str., for Kobe.

POPEYE, American str., for San Francisco.

RUBI, British str., for Manila.

VILLAGOS, U.S. gunboat, for Amoy.

VESSELS IN DOCK.

27th February.

ABERDEEN DOCK.—Kushan, Compania de Filipinas, Sherman, Serravallo, Holstein, Isla de Cuba, Savina, H.M.S. Fane, Karin, Callao, Langshan.

COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—Daphne.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Swedish steamer Victoria, from Singapore 17th Feb., ran strong N.E. wind with heavy sea.

The British steamer Ayra, from Bangkok 7th Feb., had very strong N.E. monsoon from Aden to Aden; had also strong N.E. monsoon experienced from Singapore to off Manila. From Manila to Weylan light airs and calm.

VESSELS ON THE BERTH

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MEDITERRANEAN PORTS.

PLYMOUTH AND LONDON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING ISSUED FOR PATAVIA, PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL, AMERICAN AND SOUTH AFRICAN PORTS.

THE Steamship "BENGAL," Captain A. L. Valentini, carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay, on SATURDAY, the 28th February, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports.

Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France, and Tea for London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London; other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay with transshipment.

Passengers will be received at this Office until 4 P.M. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.

Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

For further particulars, apply to E. A. LEWETT, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1903. [1]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA. "LOONGSANG," Captain Weigall, will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 24th inst., at 2 P.M.

This Steamer has superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and is fitted throughout with Electric Light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1903. [625]

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

FOR LONDON AND ANTWERP, VIA GENOA.

THE Steamship "GLENGYLE," Captain T. Darke, R.N.E., will be despatched as above TO-DAY, the 28th inst.

For Freight or Passage, apply to McGREGOR BROS. & GOW.

Hongkong, 24th February, 1903. [628]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW. THE company's Steamship

"HAITAN," Captain Roch, will be despatched for the above ports 10-MORROW, the 1st March, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LARKE & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1903. [663]

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DEBTS.

NEITHER THE CAPTAIN, THE AGENTS, NOR THE OWNERS WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY DEBT contracted by the Officers or the Crew of the following Vessels during their stay in Hongkong Harbour—

LORETTA, Italian barque, A. M. Schiaffino, Owner.

SHIMOSA, British str., E. A. Chaplain, Dodwell & Co., LD.

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO. BOSTON STEAMSHIP COMPANY. BOSTON TOW-BOAT COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA, FOR VICTORIA, B.C. AND TACOMA, IN CONNECTION WITH NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY.

Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	Sailing Date.
LYRA	—Williams	4,417	March 10th
VICTORIA	J. Pantan	3,593	March 7th
HYADES	G. Wright	3,753	March 24th

Steamers marked * have no passenger accommodation.

THE attention of Passengers is directed to the very cheap rates offered by this Line to the STATES and to EUROPE.

Special rates allowed to members of Government Services.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and to the Principal Cities in the United States and Canada.

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"Empress" Twin Screw Steamships—3,000 Tons—10,000 Horse-Power—Speed 19 knots.

SAVING THREE TO SEVEN DAYS ACROSS THE PACIFIC. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

R.M.S.	Tons.	Sailing Date.
"EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 11th Mar.
R.M.S. "ATHENIAN"	3,882	WEDNESDAY, 18th Mar.
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 1st April.
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 22nd April.
R.M.S. "TAKTAR"	4,425	WEDNESDAY, 8th May
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 13th May
R.M.S. "ATHENIAN"	3,882	WEDNESDAY, 27th May
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 3rd June
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 24th June
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000	WEDNESDAY, 15th July.

THE magnificent TWIN-SCREW "EMPERESS" STEAMSHIPS of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, and usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 13 DAYS ("TAKTAR" and "ATHENIAN" 14 DAYS), saving THREE DAYS TO A WEEK IN THE TRANS-PACIFIC JOURNEY and make connection at Vancouver with the PALATIAL OVERLAND TRAINS OF THE CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY, WITHOUT CHANGE. Close connection is made at Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, New York and Boston with all Trans-Atlantic Lines, which passengers to Great Britain and the Continent are given choice of.

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STEAMERS WILL CALL AT GIBRALTAR AND SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.

N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL PLACES.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
* PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY	18th March
* HAMBURG	WEDNESDAY	1st April
* PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY	15th April
* SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY	29th April
* KLAUSCHOU	WEDNESDAY	13th May
* DAYEN	WEDNESDAY	27th May
* ZIETEN	THURSDAY	11th June
* PRINZ REG. LUITPOLD	THURSDAY	25th June
* ROON	THURSDAY	9th July
* PREUSSEN	THURSDAY	23rd July
* HAMBURG	THURSDAY	6th August
* PRINZ HEINRICH	THURSDAY	20th August

ON WEDNESDAY, the 4th day of March, 1903, at NOON, the Steamship "PREUSSEN," of the NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, Captain E. Prehn, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO, will leave this Port as above, CALLING AT NAPLES and GENOA. Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on MONDAY, the 2nd March, and will be received on Board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY, the 3rd March, and will be received at the Agency's Office until NOON on TUESDAY, the 3rd March. Contents of Packages are required. No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than S. 50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet Cubic in Measurement. The Steamer has splendid accommodation, and carries a Doctor and Stewardesses. Linen can be washed on board.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. For further Particulars, apply to MELCHERS & CO., AGENTS.

Hongkong, 26th February, 1903. [15]

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS.	DESTINATIONS.	SAILING DATES.
C. FERD. LAEISZ	HAYRE & HAMBURG	On 3rd Mar. Freight.
Capt. Fuchs	(Calling at Singapore and Penang)	
ANDALUSIA	HAYRE & HAMBURG	On 17th Mar. Freight.
Capt. von Doehren	(Calling at Singapore and Penang)	
BAMBERG	HAYRE & HAMBURG	On 25th Mar. Freight.
Capt. Kirchner	(Calling at Singapore and Penang)	
KONIGSBERG	HAYRE & HAMBURG	On 7th April. Freight & Passengers.
Capt. Meyer	(Calling at Singapore and Penang)	
SAMBA	HAYRE & HAMBURG	On 21st April. Freight.
Capt. Schmidt	(Calling at Singapore and Penang)	
SERBIA	HAYRE & HAMBURG	On 5th May. Freight.

